PS : The BRO is also building some other roads. It will not be in the national interest to divulge the details because of the sensitive nature of their strategic significance.

Attack on Border outpost in J&K

2777. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan army recently attacked on a border outpost in Akhnoor in the Jammu and Kashmir sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the casualties suffered by the Indian and Pak army;

(c) what are the other areas on the LoC where Pak Army have launched attack after the Kargil conflict; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to fortify the LoC to meet any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 22nd January, 2000 at 0500 hrs approximately, 25 Pak soldiers led by an Officer and supported by heavy Mortar fire, Heavy and Medium Machine guns, recoiless guns and rocket launchers attacked our post near Raipur in Akhnoor sector. The attack was repulsed with heavy casualties on the Pakistan side by our troops. Five bodies of Pakistani soldiers including that of an Officer along with three rifles, six carbines, one universal machine gun and one rocket launcher were recovered by our troops. Two more bodies were lying in the Sarkanda, close to our post. Two Indian soliders were killed and two injured.

(c) Details of Pak Army attacks on our posts after Kargil conflict are given in the statement (*see* below).

(d) All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and all necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness.

STATEMENT

Details of Pak Raids/Attempts to Capture Posts on LoC August 1999 to March 2000

Sl. No.	Date and Time	Post	Enemy Casualties Killed	Our Casualties Killed
1.	31 August 1999 1630 hrs 01 September 1999 1200 hrs.	PP 4,5 & 8 (Akhnoor sector)	5	2
2.	12 September 1999 0230 hrs.	PP 4 (Akhnoor sector)	1	—
3.	22 October 1999 0800 Hrs	Bindu (Rampur sector)	—	—
4.	09 November 1999 1830 hrs	Faulad (Rampur sector)	17	3
5.	22 January 2000	PP-12 (Akhnoor sector)	17	1
6.	15 February 2000	Bhajan Post (Bimber Gali sector)	5	4
7.	27 February 2000	Ashok LP Naushera sector	—	7
8.	11 March 2000 1015 hrs	Near Kathi (URI Sector)	—	1

Recruitment Policy in Defence Services

2778. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any parameters for recruitment of officers and jawans in the defence services after 1965;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for such changes; and